



1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 887

March 16, 2000 - Introduced by Representatives OWENS, AINSWORTH, LADWIG, URBAN and HUEBSCH, cosponsored by Senator ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 125.075 (title) and 125.075 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** providing alcohol beverages to persons who are 18, 19 or 20 years of age and
3 providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law establishes a minimum legal drinking age of 21 years of age. No person may procure for, sell, dispense or give away any alcohol beverages to any person who has not reached the minimum legal drinking age (an "underage person"), unless the underage person is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age. No person who holds a license or permit to sell alcohol beverages may sell, vend, deal or traffic in alcohol beverages to or with any underage person, unless the underage person is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or spouse who has attained the legal drinking age.

Also under current law, it is a felony to unlawfully provide alcohol beverages to a person under 18 years of age ("child") who dies or suffers great bodily harm as a result of consuming the alcohol beverages. In addition to any other penalties imposed for providing alcohol beverages to the underage person, any person who unlawfully procures alcohol beverages for or sells, dispenses or gives away alcohol beverages to a child may be penalized if the person knew or should have known that the child was under the legal drinking age and the child dies or suffers great bodily harm as a result of consuming the alcohol beverages. In determining whether a person knew or should have known that the child was under the legal drinking age, all relevant circumstances surrounding the procuring, selling, dispensing or giving

